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## Umatilla Chemical Depot

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### **Small non-chemical explosion planned at depot Wednesday**

Umatilla Chemical Depot, Hermiston, Ore. - Residents living near the Umatilla Chemical Depot may hear a small explosion about 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon when a private contractor destroys a small amount of non-chemical munitions involving less than five pounds of explosives near the northwest corner of the depot, near Irrigon.

The private contractor, Bay West, St. Paul, Minn., will be destroying three items found during cleanup activities -- fragments of an M2 Anti-Personnel mine with TNT residue; an illumination signal flare signal with about two ounces of pyrotechnic material; and a smoke signal flare with two ounces of pyrotechnic material.

The demolition will be monitored by a safety specialist from the Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bay West officials.

For several years, the depot and the Seattle District Corps of Engineers have been involved in environmental cleanup of an area used for testing conventional munitions.

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